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RAILROAD IS NOT YET SOLD

NO DEAL MADE TO TRANSFER
STOCK OF NEW MEXICO
CENTRAL.

TO COMPLETE BRANCH ROAD

REPORTED THAT DIRECTORS
HAVE VOTED TO MORTGAGE
HAGAN COAL FIELDS.

GREAT QUANTITIES OF FUEL

BEST AND RICHEST IN WEST
AND COMPRISING HUNDRED
AND FIFTY MILLION TONS.

Special to The Optic.

Santa Fe, April 2.—F. J. Torgance, Walter Lyons and John Arot, Pittsburg capitalists, owners and directors of the New Mexico Central railroad, who have been here for several days on business connected with this road, returned east last night. Despite reports that their visit here at this time was for the purpose of negotiating the sale of the road to either the Rock Island, El Paso & Southwestern or Santa Fe systems, any deals which might have been pending, failed to materialize and the road will not change hands for the present at any rate.

It is reported that the directors voted to mortgage the Hagan coal fields in Bandoval county, owned by the New Mexico Fuel & Iron company, a subsidiary concern, for a sum sufficient to complete the construction of the branch railroad to Hagan. Recent territorial legislation was made for the special benefit of the New Mexico Central, which law permits railroad corporations to mortgage subsidiary companies, for the purpose of raising money for improvements and extensions to the main corporations. It is stated authoritatively that after the branch line is built to the Hagan coal fields, that should these fields prove to contain an enormous quantity of merchantable coal, estimated at 150,000,000 tons, then either the Rock Island or the El Paso & Southwestern systems will buy the New Mexico Central railroad in order to secure possession of these coal fields.

Experts pronounce the Hagan coal the best and richest in the west.

SPECIAL AGENTS NAMED TO INVESTIGATE FRAUDS

Washington, April 2.—Special agents in the field service of the force of the general land office for the investigation of alleged land frauds in the west were appointed today by Secretary Ballinger as follows:

Wilson H. Bennett of Pennsylvania, to San Francisco; George Hayworth of Texas, to Phoenix, Ariz.; Clarence Booth of Indiana, to Seattle; J. G. Hendrick, of Kansas, to Seattle, and F. D. Brown of New York, to Enid, Okla.

PROPERTIES FOR SALE FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property belonging to the following taxpayers has been advertised as delinquent for the required number of days in the amounts named and judgment for accrued taxes against the same entered of record in the district court. In compliance with law, the sale of properties on which taxes have not been paid, was begun, March 27, and will continue for sixty days, at the expiration of which period, the property will be bought in by the county for the amount of the tax delinquency. J. B. Mackel, \$258.96 and \$17.45; Veeder & Veeder \$93.95; and \$12.24; J. W. D. Veeder,

\$26.67 and \$125.11; the Montezuma Ranch resort \$104.51; Stern & Nahn \$67.43; S. L. Barker \$40.64; Theodore Hainlen \$54.26; Charles Hainlen \$47.38; Walter Bierman \$27.78; F. O. Kihlberg \$34.48; Mrs. A. O. Larrasolo \$103.36; Sabino Lunan \$27.78; C. S. Rogers \$41.20; Paul McCormick \$101.89; M. M. McSchooler \$56.80; Wm Boylan \$189.04; W. E. Crites \$112.05; De Soto H. Grant \$115.49; Martha Green \$122.02; Alfred Green \$224.88; S. C. Long \$76.40; Alice R. Long \$147.81; John Shank \$47.76; Montezuma club \$186.94; R. E. Twitchell \$67.49; Las Vegas Driving Park and Fair association \$43.75; Antonio Ortiz grant \$2,166.20; Anton Chico grant \$677.60; Beck grant \$677.0.

HARVEY'S RANCH LEASED.

F. B. Warner of this city has leased the upper Harvey ranch and the mountain resort will be opened on May 15 for the reception of guests. New swings and seats will be erected, also a pavilion and eight more cottages.

The trail leading through the mountains to the health and pleasure resort at the highest altitude in the world, but not the highest prices for entertainment, will be gone over and put in condition for tourist travel.

The Harvey lower ranch, which was recently purchased by T. T. Turner of this city, has been converted into a stock farm.

Investigation Continues.

New York, April 2.—The investigation of the Panama-Jibell charges against the World was resumed before the federal grand jury today. It is said the purpose of the inquiry is to obtain indictments against the publishers and possibly an editor of a paper recently indicted in Washington, so that the trial can be held in New York instead of at Washington.

TWO AMERICANS IN JAIL AT CHIHUAHUA ON MURDER CHARGE

FATE NOW LIES WITH FEDERAL
SUPREME COURT OF
MEXICO.

Defendants Claim That Not They But
Robbers Killed Robert Rutherford
and Charles McMurray, at Ranch.

El Paso, April 2.—The fate of Ole Finstad and Shorty Coughner, Americans, held in jail at Chihuahua on the charge of murdering Robert Rutherford, of Philadelphia, and Charles McMurray, also an American, lies with the federal supreme court of Mexico. The murder was committed at Finstad's ranch, two years ago. The defendants claim that robbers did the killing. They appealed the case to the federal district court and obtained favorable action. It is now up to the supreme court.

Tariff Questions in Mexico.

Vera Cruz, April 2.—An organization now forming, will demand more complete protection for Mexican tobacco, growers and manufacturers, by an increase of import duties. Congress will be asked to increase the imports from the West Indies and Central America particularly.

Re-Adjust Sugar Duties.

New York, April 2.—Re-assessments of duties, amounting to \$1,239,000 on sugar imported by the American Sugar Refining company at the refinery of Havemeyer & Elder, between December, 1901, and November, 1907, have been ordered by Collector Loeb of the port of New York.

SHOEMAKER KILLED IN DISCUSSION OF BIBLE

Guadalajara, Mexico, April 2.—Guadalupe Trujillo and Jesus Mejia, shoemakers, engaged in a heated discussion relative to the merits of the songs of Solomon and the book of Job yesterday with the result that knives were drawn and Trujillo was killed. Mejia was badly wounded.

BIG BALLOON BACK AT MUNICH

RETURNS AFTER TERRIBLE TRIP
WITHOUT ANY PERMANENT
INJURIES.

ARMY EXPERTS MAKE REPAIRS

AFTER NIGHT SPENT IN OPEN
FIELD BIG AIRSHIP SAILS
AWAY IN FINE SHAPE.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISMISSED

SAFE RETURN OF VESSEL MADE
HOLIDAY AND ZEPPELIN GIVE
BIG RECEPTION.

Dingolfing, Germany, April 2.—The Zeppelin airship, which spent the night in an open field near here, re-ascended this morning and moved in the direction of Munich. Military experts made the repairs necessitated by the accident yesterday and the airship manoeuvred in a satisfactory manner. Thousands cheered as the craft moved away.

Makes Successful Landing.

Munich, April 2.—The airship appeared over this city at 1:03 o'clock this afternoon and made a successful landing on the parade grounds outside the city. The count was greeted by the prince regent of Bavaria and the princesses of the royal family. The public schools were given a holiday and special editions of the newspapers gave an account of the travels of the craft.

Pinched for Embezzlement.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 2.—F. H. Lee, a confidential employee of the Northern Crown bank of Saskatoon, Canada, was arrested here and taken to jail on a charge of having embezzled \$5,000 from the bank by means of falsification of his account. A woman who accompanied him here was also taken to the station, but released. The detectives say that Lee has admitted the truth of the charge.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WEST SIDE

The board of trustees of the town of Las Vegas held its first meeting since January 26, in its chambers on the west side last evening. Mayor Secundino Romero and all the members and officers being present and answering to the roll call.

The principal business that claimed the attention of the municipal body was as follows:

Vidal Roybal asked that permission be granted for the opening of Chaves street at its intersection with South Pacific street, at the public school building in school district No. 1, precinct No. 6; also the matter of the six-foot encroachment on Perez street with a fence built by Don Demetrio Perez was discussed and finally referred to the committee on streets and alleys.

The reports of Max Nordhaus, town treasurer, Florentino Montoya, town clerk, and Estevan Gutierrez, town marshal, were presented and given in to the hands of the committee on finance.

Town Attorney Louis C. Hild informed the board relative to the sanitary condition of the town and the work which had been performed faithfully and well by Dr. F. H. Crall, the town physician, with the assistance of the town marshal. Only one case of contagious disease was reported and the patient is under competent care. The quarantine in this only instance of contagion will likely be raised this week.

It was decided by the town solons to expend \$200 on the improvement of

TARIFF BILL WILL PASS HOUSE

REPUBLICAN LEADERS CONFIDENT
THAT THEY CAN FORCE
PASSAGE AT ANY TIME.

WEDNESDAY SET FOR DATE

VOICE OF FILIPINO FOR FIRST
TIME HEARD IN LEGISLATIVE
HALLS OF CONGRESS.

DOES NOT WANT FREE TRADE

SAYS THAT IT WILL ACT IN
SUCH A WAY AS TO PRE-
CLUDE INDEPENDENCE.

Washington, April 2.—The republican leaders, as a result of a careful canvass, have expressed confidence in their ability to pass the tariff bill whenever they decide to put it on its passage. The decision now is to put the bill on its passage Wednesday, April 7th.

In a discussion of the tariff this morning, Splight of Mississippi, declared that it must be humiliating to the bill framers to hear the cry coming up from the south for protection on sugar and hides because they are produced in that section. "If the bill would put shoes on the free list," he said, "its framers would not be so glaringly inconsistent."

Ransdell, of Louisiana, pleaded for 5 1/2 cents a pound duty on cotton imports, depreciated the free entry of Philippine sugar and commended the conservation course of Pinchot.

The voice of a Filipino, for the first time held in the legislative halls of congress, was rather in protest against the system of free trade, which the Payne bill seeks to establish with the Philippines. Pablo Ocampo de Leon, resident commissioner of the Philippines, criticised free trade, because, he said, it would act in such a way as to preclude independence.

"As soon as the measure becomes

operative," he said, "it would immediately cause in the first year a decrease in the revenues of about six million pesos from which revenues the Philippine government obtains the greater portion of its income for the support of the administration. This decrease would augment every year as foreign importations gradually fell off owing to the advantageous position which American products would have in the market, a position which inevitably would annul foreign competition."

"Living under the protection of this country the Filipinos would willingly grant, the greatest preference for American products were they not convinced that such preferences mean ruin for their country. Once foreign goods are driven from the Philippine markets, the importer of American products would control the situation."

"The decrease of the customs revenues would inevitably compel the Philippine government to go into bankruptcy because there are no other sources from which to obtain revenues and meet its financial obligations."

"Viewing the question in the political aspect, is not there a danger that future independence of the Filipinos would be hindered by the ties consequent upon the establishment of free trade?"

"The trusts and other corporations that would establish themselves in the Philippines, encouraged by free trade, would place a formidable barrier against Filipino freedom."

"The only reciprocity we ask is that our sugar and tobacco be admitted free of duty and in exchange allow all agricultural machinery and implements of manufacture free admission into all parts of the Philippines." The commissioner said he voiced the sentiment of 8,000,000 Filipinos in asking congress to grant them independence.

DAILY NEWS OF EL PASO WILL START UP IN DUKE CITY

SUSPENDS PUBLICATION AND
CIRCULATION IS TAKEN OVER
BY THE HERALD.

Plant is Being Dismantled and Will
Be Shipped to Albuquerque Where
It Will Start Democratic Organ.

El Paso, Tex., April 2.—The El Paso Daily News suspended publication Wednesday. Its circulation has been taken over by the El Paso Herald which now reads, "El Paso Herald and Daily News."

On the day of its suspension, the News stated in its closing editorial that the plant will be dismantled and shipped to outside parties. Felix Martinez, the owner, stated that the press would probably go to Albuquerque, a deal being on there to establish a territorial daily there of importance. It was stated by Mr. Martinez's business manager, who has been connected with the paper, that Martinez will leave for Albuquerque on Sunday to meet interested parties for the purpose of completing the deal.

Mr. Martinez has stated, however, that he will not leave this city to take up newspaper work in Albuquerque, but will remain here to attend to his various business enterprises.

Protested Innocence on Scaffold.
Helena, Mont., April 2.—A special to the Record from Kalispell says that Frederick Lebeau was hanged today for the murder of R. Yoakum. He broke down and became ill, but on recovering, walked to the scaffold, protesting his innocence.

ROMORED KING EDWARD ILL WITH APOPLEXY

Berlin, April 2.—A special dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung from Madrid says that a rumor is current that King Edward has suffered a slight apoplectic stroke. Later advices from Barriets say this morning that there is no truth in the reports, and that his majesty is in excellent health and has left for the Basque fete at Sarre.

ARRIVES AT BRITISH PORT

EX-PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS
A PLEASANT VISIT AT
GIBRALTAR.

CALL ON GOVERNOR GENERAL

SPENDS THREE HOURS ON SHORE
AND IS GIVEN OVATION ON
DEPARTURE.

KING ANXIOUS FOR MEETING

VICTOR EMMANUEL WISHES TO
MEET AND ENTERTAIN AFRICAN
HUNTER.

Gibraltar, April 2.—The steamer Hamburg, with Roosevelt on board, came into port shortly before 9 this morning. Richard L. Sprague, United States consul, went out to the ship to welcome the former president.

Roosevelt at 10:30 o'clock called on the governor general. He had invited Roosevelt to lunch, but owing to the short stay of the Hamburg, the distinguished traveler was unable to stay. Mr. Roosevelt refused to be photographed and would not be interviewed. He said today that the party does not intend to go ashore at Naples. The party will transfer its baggage from the Hamburg to the steamer Admiral. After a stay of three hours at Gibraltar, the Hamburg proceeded. Roosevelt visited the second class and steerage quarters yesterday, and met an enthusiastic reception. E. A. Howell, on behalf of the passengers, presented Roosevelt with an illuminated address, and made a speech, eulogizing the former president. In the evening Roosevelt attended a dance, where he danced with Miss Ruth Draper.

After a trip through the streets, in which Roosevelt took great delight, the former president was accorded an ovation upon returning to the vessel. A great throng gathered to see him off. Yesterday on board the Hamburg, the passengers got up a series of deck sports, which Roosevelt umpired. He announced the events and gave the prizes. Kermit was the winner of several. The captain's farewell dinner will be aboard the Hamburg tonight.

King Anxious for Meeting.

Rome, April 2.—The report that King Victor Emanuel desires to meet Roosevelt and with him visit the earthquake zone, was confirmed in court today. The king would like to take Roosevelt aboard a battleship and take him to Sicily where the former president could be transferred to the steamer Admiral for Africa. Mr. Roosevelt has not been communicated with.

MAJOR EDW. A. WEED MAY LECTURE HERE

Major Edward A. Weed, the veteran international cycle tourist, who is wheeling across the continent, and whose picture and description were given in The Optic of yesterday, likes Las Vegas so well that he has changed his program. Instead of leaving today for Santa Fe, he has decided to remain over Sunday and will visit the old town, the hot springs and other points of interest in this vicinity. He thinks the establishment of a beet sugar factory here will be of incalculable benefit to the town, and give it a wonderful impetus, and is surprised to find so much of a city here. Being an old practical printer and publisher he was astonished to find so extensive a printing plant as he found in the establishment of The Optic. The Major is stopping at the Y. M. C. A. and may deliver a lecture on "Life and Scenes in Old Mexico," before his departure, as he traveled there extensively for two years and is thoroughly familiar with the country and its history.